



Consulate General of the United States of America

Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

WARDEN MESSAGE

December 30, 2009

Consulate General Dhahran requests that wardens pass the following message in its entirety to members of the American Community:

The U.S. Consulate General wishes to inform all American citizens in this consular district that the Consulate General has received reports of harassment of westerners at the Al-Aziziyah Panda Shopping Center on Salahuddin Ayoubi Street near the Oasis and Golden Belt neighborhood. The most recent report involved an individual pointing what appears to be a toy gun and simulating pulling the trigger at an American citizen.

Local authorities have been notified and are taking steps to apprehend the suspect. No reports of such harassment of westerners at this location have been received since the most recent incident.

As a reminder, American citizens should exercise caution and take prudent security measures: keep a very low profile, maintain a high level of vigilance, avoid crowds and demonstrations, vary times and routes for all travel, and ensure that travel documents and visas are current and valid. Women may wish to exercise additional caution and should avoid traveling alone.

U.S. citizens living or traveling abroad are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration web site at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/> so that they can obtain updated information on travel and security. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency.

For the latest security information, Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the State Department's Internet web site at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, including the Travel Warning for Saudi Arabia, and Travel Alerts can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S. and Canada or, for callers outside the U.S. and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. Holidays).

American citizens are reminded to keep their registration up-to-date. See <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/> for registration information.

To hear recordings of the most recent security information, you may call the Embassy in Riyadh at +966-1-488-3800 and press 6 for regional or worldwide security information or press 7 for "Travel Warning for Saudi Arabia."

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You can also review earlier Warden Messages at

<http://riyadh.usembassy.gov/service/advisories-for-americans-in-ksa/warden-messages.html>.

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